

REPUBLICAN COUP TO HOLD W. VA.

Governor Hatfield Shearing Successor of Power Through Legislature

PLOT TO UNSEAT CORNWELL FEARED

State Excited Over Acts of Extra Session—Some Fear of Bloodshed

From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune, Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 24.—The dying Republican Legislature of West Virginia to-night was approaching the conclusion of a programme so remarkable as to be worthy of notice in the country at large, and so ill-advised that it may contain the seeds of future serious trouble. It is the attempt of the "ins" who are about to become "outs" to shear the incoming "outs" of most of their privileges and powers.

The government of the state is now Republican in all branches—executive, legislative and judicial. According to the verdict of the voters registered on November 7 the present Governor, Henry D. Hatfield, will be succeeded on March 4 by a Democrat, John J. Cornwell, and the present Republican lower house of the State Legislature, the term of which expires in six days, will be succeeded by a body of Democratic complexion.

Under laws which have been on the books since the early 80's, the Governor of West Virginia has Czar-like powers. He may remove appointive officials at will, and even elected officials, such as Attorney General, are subject to removal unless the Legislature is by the separate acts of both houses, disapproves. As the Legislature meets biennially, it might be two years before such disapproval could be secured.

What Hatfield Planned

When it became certain that the state had elected a Democratic House of Delegates beyond hope of successful contest, the present Chief Executive, Henry D. Hatfield, determined on a held course.

After a conference with his closest advisers, Governor Hatfield called an extra session of the Legislature. The most important part of the programme, as first planned, according to prominent Republicans here, was as follows:

1.—To take from the Governor all power of appointment and to lodge such power in the Board of Public Works, which is made up of state officials below Governor (all Republicans). There was precedent in this high-handed proposal, as the Democrats had done it to the Republicans in 1872.

2.—To amend the election contest law in such a way that the majority of the deciding court would be surely Repub-

lican.

Third—to protect the tenure of the present appointed State officials by requiring for their removal, the sustaining of written charges, and making such cases reviewable by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Fourth—to protect elected State officials by changing the law concerning their removal so that the courts might be appealed to as a check on the Chief Executive.

When the Legislature convened here last Monday the State had been roused to feverish excitement. There were threats of bloodshed. The newspapers screamed the news in big type. Friends were quoted in defense of the Governor's act and a few Republican journals, especially "The Charleston Mail," owned by Walter E. Clark, former Governor of Alaska, were unspare in their criticism.

Forced to Modify Plan

Before the Governor's message recommending legislation was sent it became apparent to the managers of the programme that the first part of the programme could not go through the Senate. Taking the power of appointment away from the man chosen by the people was too much.

The modified programme, most of which was submitted to night, had many elements of merit in it. The four or five independent members of the Senate, notably Senator Rosenblum, of Wheeling, announced that they would be glad of the opportunity, conceived in iniquity though it was, to remove from the Governor of West Virginia some of his czarlike powers.

Defenders of the Governor's course, and especially the Governor himself, make out a plausible defense for the present remarkable situation. They point to the speeches of the Governor-elect, in which he is reported to have said that he intended to make a clean sweep at the State House as soon as he took the chair.

It is a peculiarity of the West Virginia law which made the elected state officials fear for their positions under the Democratic Governor. It is that same law now amended by the special session which makes the Democrats fear that the Republicans are actually plotting to dislodge the title of Governor-elect Cornwell when the proper time comes.

It is pointed out by the Democrats that the Hatfield machine may attempt to change a sufficient number of members of the new House of Delegates, by means of easily successful contests, so that the new Legislature would be Republican in both branches and so might be able to refuse to declare the election of Cornwell. This is possible. It actually was done once before in West Virginia. It is, however, extremely unlikely. If it were attempted such treacherous bloodshed might follow.

Twenty Miles of Bibles

The latest orders ever placed by the New York Bible Society have just been given to two publishing houses. One is to a house in London, England, for 150,000 copies of the Scriptures, the other is to a Western house for 100,000 volumes, making a total of 250,000 copies of the Scriptures.

If all of the quarter of a million volumes of the Scriptures just ordered were put together in line they would reach for a distance of about twenty

An Announcement

The Committee for Men Blinded in Battle desires to make known that it is an independent organization giving immediate relief and instruction to men blinded in the present war. This work is conducted at the Paris "Lighthouse," 14 Rue Daru, under the personal direction of Miss Winifred Holt. The Committee and its work are in no way connected with any other organization raising money in America for those blinded as a result of the war in Europe.

The Committee is greatly in need of funds to continue its work. Contributions should be sent to Mr. William Forbes Morgan Jr., Treasurer, 17 East 38th Street, New York City.

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TURKS GAIN AND RETREAT

Advance on Egyptian and Caucasus Front, Official Report Says

London, Nov. 24.—A delayed official Turkish announcement arrived here to-day says that on November 19 the Turks had gained ground on their right wing in the Caucasus on a front of nearly twenty miles, and on the following day an advance was made in another direction over about the same front.

On the Egyptian front the Turks repelled forces which on November 18 attempted to approach Elbow Pass.

Petropavlovsk, Nov. 24.—The Turks have evacuated the town of Sharafkhan, in Turkish Armenia, west of Musch, it is announced officially.

"In the region of Kieki," the statement says, "Attempts by Turkish scouting parties to reach our positions were repelled. In the Oghotsi region the Turks evacuated Sharafkhan."

"It is again observed that the Turks are using explosive bullets."

HOTEL MEN URGE COLLEGE CHAIRS OF GASTRONOMY

Convention Also Seeks Uniform Law for the Limitation of All "Beats"

Chairs of gastronomy will be established in all well equipped universities if the suggestion made by John M. Hewie, of Buffalo, to the National Congress of American Hotel Associations in the Grand Central Palace yesterday is carried out. Action on his paper will be taken at the next meeting of the association, to be held in Chicago on January 1.

Mr. Hewie said there was every reason why hotel men should be thoroughly trained in gastronomy at the universities. These, he maintained, should give degrees to trained men.

"Such training," he asserted, "is necessary for the economical management of hotels, and the real gainer would be the public."

The hotel "heat" and the necessity for uniform law by the several states looking toward his limitation came in for much discussion. These non-paying guests, it was said, cost hotel men of the country \$1,000,000 a year, and, thanks to the conflict of laws between the several states often cannot be exacted when they are found.

This measure, together with the recommendations relative to university and vocational hotel training, was presented to the association through their take action before the January meeting. At that time a man submitted by James Woods, of San Francisco, for a system of identifying travelling salesmen will also be considered.

Next year's gathering will be held in the Grand Central Palace here November 12.

EDISON TOO BUSY TO BE SURPRISED; SPOILS NICE PARTY

Employees, with Wondrous Gift Ready, Unable to Lure Wizard from Work

When Thomas A. Edison came back from Europe a couple of years ago he described to his laboratory associates a fine old hand-carved cabinet which he had seen in the Hotel Cluny, in Paris.

"If money could buy it I'd have it," he said.

Money couldn't. But there was another way. A fund was secretly raised by the wizard's co-workers and a wood carver was sent abroad. Returning, he replicated the cabinet which he had seen in the Edison plant at East Orange, N. J., and then an electric lighting system and a phonograph mechanism were installed in it. The conspirators had a hard time getting Mr. Edison away from the room in which the work was being done, for they counted much on the element of surprise.

The surprise party was arranged for last night at the Ritz-Carlton.

"Whatever the fundeth to do, do it with thy might!"

In a Hebrew proverb. It ought to be an American proverb. Too many Christians are languid and apathetic. They are not intense and alert. They do not do superbly the things they try to do. They do not hold themselves strenuously to highest ideals, nor demand of themselves the very best that is in them. Hence they lose much.

They have little of the sense of exhilaration and joy which all strenuous workers know. They are strangers to the glow and the rapture which come to those who do their best.

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COOKS MAY QUIT NEW YEAR'S

Delegates of Syndicate Debate Date of Threatened Strike

Manhattan's New Year's Eve celebration might as well be held on Sunday, as originally planned, for all the gayety there will be on Broadway if the Cooks' Syndicate carries out its threat to strike on January 1.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Bethesda are holding the following services:

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

11 A.M. and 8 P.M. Wednesday

First Church, 110 West 36th Street.

Second Church, Central Park West and 88th Street.

Third Church, Madison Avenue and 88th Street.

Fourth Church, Washington Avenue and 88th Street.

Fifth Church, Amherst College, 88th Street.

Sixth Church, 100 West 12th Street.

Seventh Church, 100 West 12th Street.

Eighth Church, 100 West 12th Street.

Ninth Church, 100 West 12th Street.

Tenth Church, 100 West 12th Street.

Eleventh Church, 100 West 12th Street.

Twelfth Church, 100 West 12th Street.

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